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SUBJECT: AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE TAX

(1) RECENT LAW IN DENMARK LEVIED 50 PERCENT SURCHARGE ON THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE ISSUED BY DANISH COMPANIES ON ALL MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED AND OPERATED IN DENMARK, INCLUDING THOSE REGISTERED TO DIPLOMATICALLY-ACCREDITED PERSONNEL. IN EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH EMBASSY, GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK INDICATED THAT TAX ON INSURANCE IS "INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRACTICE" AND AS SUCH IS NOT CONSIDERED IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 34 (A) OF VIENNA CONVENTION. NOTE FURTHER CITES ACTION ADDRESSES AS WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHICH LEVY SIMILAR TAX ON THIRD PARTY LIABILITY AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE.

(2) BUREAU WOULD APPRECIATE POST'S ASSISTANCE IN FORMULATING

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. PLEASE INDICATE HOST GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT TAX REQUIREMENT ON THIRD PARTY AUTO INSURANCE, AND WHETHER DIPLOMATS ARE EXEMPTED FROM OR MAY CLAIM A REFUND OF THE TAX. IF TAX REQUIREMENT HAS NOT BEEN QUESTIONED BY POST, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE TO CHALLENGE SURCHARGE AS CONTRAVENING ARTICLE 34 (A) OF VIENNA CONVENTION.

(3) FYI: DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ARE NOT SIMILARLY TAXED.  $\mbox{VANCE}$ 

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